

March 2022 SHELTER ISLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY MONTHLY EVENTS



THE NEXT CHAPTER

This is the time of the year when the library staff has to prepare an extensive report on all our activities for New York State. Unless you really love statistics, this can be a challenging job but I always learn a lot from all of those numbers. For example, in 2017 we had 34,128 people visit the library. In 2019, 91,034 people came through our doors for programs, services, books, DVDs and more... an incredible 266% increase! As we contemplate the future, we can foresee a need for more space to provide for the needs and wants of our community. We are actively seeking your input about how this new space might unfold. We have suggestion boxes around the library for your written comments or just drop by and let me know your thoughts. Help us write the next chapter for your library!

Terry Lucas, Library Director

BOOK CLUBS GALORE!

Do you ever want a book to go on past the last page? Share your love of books and the joy of discovering new perspectives in one of our book clubs. There are ample opportunities to talk about books here at the Library with **The Shelter Island Book Club**, the **Mystery Book Club**, the **Willa Cather Book Club** and our **Shakespeare in Community** group. **The Shelter Island Book Club**, led by Suzanne Louer, reads works of fiction and nonfiction with an emphasis on well-regarded contemporary fiction. **The Mystery Book Club**, led by Jocelyn Ozolins, reads a broad range of mysteries from the 'cozy' to page-turning thrillers, spy novels and much more. Director Terry Lucas continues to focus on a classic author each year with the new **Willa Cather Book Club**, exploring the work of an iconic American writer. **Shakespeare in Community** explores Shakespeare's plays with the help and expertise of writer Becky Cole. All the groups are friendly and welcoming. Check out one or more!

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COMMUNITY JOURNAL

Among other things, libraries are about community and shared knowledge. That's why we have launched the **Community Journal** initiative. Check out the journal and share a piece of writing or art. It can be a poem, a quote, a memory, a story, a recipe or anything you want to share with your neighbors. Once the notebook is filled out, it'll become a part of our permanent collection. We hope the project can help to connect people in the community via shared experiences. Please come in and check it out!

NEWSLETTER KEY

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= Inside

BOOK SALE ROOM

We are accepting gently used book donations for the Book Sale Room and our Free Book Cart. Please leave all donations in the book bin by the Book Sale Room entrance. We are asking that you leave no more than one box of book donations per month. Please, no magazines, textbooks or books in poor condition.



SHELTER ISLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY

THE MONTHLY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

will be held on **Monday, March 14th at 7:00pm**. The meeting will take place either in the library's Community Room or remotely. Please contact tlucas@silibrary.org for information on how to attend the Board Meeting.

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

To register for Adult Programs please go to www.silibrary.org and scroll down to our Calendar of Events. This month we will be offering programs for both adults and children in a variety of formats. So, when you read your newsletter, please pay attention to the icons next to the program descriptions.

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FRIDAY NIGHT DIALOGUES

AW, SHUCKS! OYSTER FARMERS DISH ON PECONIC AQUACULTURE: Friday, March 11th, 7:00pm 

A hundred years ago, oysters were a commodity, eaten by everyone, cheap and as readily available as a bag of chips. But how is today's oyster different? Charity Robey will draw on her work on the culinary history of oysters to lead a discussion on the way oysters are raised locally with three oyster farmers: Ben Gonzalez of Southold Bay Oysters, Stefanie Bassett of Little Ram Oysters, and Phil Mastrangelo of Oysterponds. They'll discuss the differences in appearance and taste in oysters grown in varying conditions. They'll also talk about the reasons that oyster aquaculture is growing in NY, and what some of the challenges are.



Photo: Tommaso Cantelli

PAT LAMARCHE: ON HOMELESSNESS: Friday, March 18th, 7:00pm 

Pat LaMarche has steadfastly worked for the rights of the people in poverty for most of her career as an author, activist, and journalist. Her most recent series of books, *Priscilla, Princess of the Park*, is based on several homeless people she has known. The series aims to dismantle the stigma of homelessness and to create an awareness that homelessness is not a personal failure, but the result of bad policy. Join Ms. LaMarche on Zoom as she talks not only about the series, but also about the larger issue of homelessness.

INTRODUCTION TO GOOGLE SHEETS: Wednesday, March 16th, 5:30pm 

Google Sheets is a free spreadsheet application that allows you to organize, edit and analyze different types of information. It's a powerful tool for recording and analyzing data. Join instructor Debbie Dittmer to learn the basics of Google Sheets. This class is geared towards beginners.

BUDDHIST ETHICS 101 WITH CHARLES HUSCHLE: Thursdays March, 10th, 17th and 24th, 5:30pm 

Want to know what "karma" really means? Is it okay to lie in order to help someone? How should I handle my feelings of guilt for having stolen a pack of Juicy Fruit from Bliss Department Store fifty years ago? And, how do we decide what to do when we are confronted with matters of life and death? Ethical issues have been on everyone's mind during COVID, and in this brief but interactive overview of Buddhist ethics we will learn how Buddhists answer the essential ethical question, "What is the RIGHT thing to do?"

SEED LIBRARY OPENING: Saturday, March 12th, 11:00am to 2:00pm 


It's time to think about your garden. Did you know that the library has an heirloom seed collection? We have vegetables, herbs and flower seeds and they are free! Come visit us in the Community Room to learn about our seed collection and to 'borrow' seeds for your garden. We'll show you how to make seed starting pots with newspaper. The Seed Library is a joint project with Sylvester Manor Educational Farm and is supported by donations from the Friends of the Library, Seed Savers Exchange, Hudson Valley Seeds and Sow Right Seeds.

MOLLY HASKELL: WOMEN AND FILM: Wednesday, March 23rd, 7:00pm 

Molly Haskell has been called "one of the essential voices in the history of film criticism." She has written several books including a memoir and essay collections. Haskell has reviewed films for *The Village Voice*, *New York Magazine* and *Vogue*. She served on the selection committee for the New York Film Festival and taught Film at Columbia University. Ms. Haskell was awarded a Guggenheim Fellowship in 2010. This program is made possible by the East End Programmers Group and is being hosted by Westhampton Beach Library. Sign up on our website.



ADULT TAKE AND MAKE CRAFT: TEACUP BIRD FEEDER

Pickup between Tuesday, March 8th and Saturday, March 12th 

Spring is near(ish) and that means the return of birds to our backyards! Welcome your feathered friends with teacup bird feeders. You'll use vintage tea and saucer sets in this easy to put together craft. Supplies are limited.



Photo: muminthemadhouse.com

KNITTING AND CROCHET WITH ASHLEY: Monday, March 14th, 5:30pm 

Ashley Edmund is a fiber artist with years of experience in an array of techniques. She is excited to share her passion for knitting with her fellow Shelter Islanders. Whether you want to learn to knit or crochet for the first time or want support with a more challenging technique, she will be here to help! Ashley will be here on the second Monday of every month through May. Please register online for this program.

TAI CHI WITH DENISE GILLIES: Wednesdays, March 2nd and 16th, 5:00pm 


Tai Chi is an ancient Chinese health practice that provides a wide range of mind/body benefits. The easy-to-follow fluid movements will increase vitality and strengthen immune function. Teacher Denise Gillies has been practicing and teaching on the East End for ten years. Her teaching style is relaxed, enthusiastic and intended for students to leave feeling energized and joyful.

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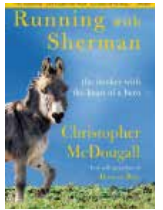
PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

BOOK CLUBS

SHELTER ISLAND BOOK CLUB

Running with Sherman: The Donkey with the Heart of a Hero by Christopher McDougall: Tuesday, March 8th, 4:30pm 

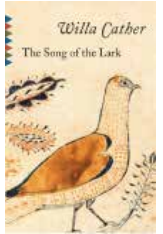
When Chris McDougall agreed to take in a donkey from an animal hoarder, he thought it would be no harder than the rest of the adjustments he and his family had made after moving from Philadelphia to the heart of Pennsylvania Amish country. It turns out the best way to soothe a donkey is to give it a job - which is easier said than done. The solution was a burro racing competition, a challenging human and donkey endeavor. In the course of Sherman's training, Chris would have to recruit several others including a group of irrepressible female long-haul truckers. Along the way, he shows us the life-changing power of animals, nature, and community.




WILLA CATHER BOOK CLUB

The Song of the Lark: Saturday, March 26th, 2:00pm 

The Song of the Lark is the story of Thea Kronborg, the musically gifted daughter of a Methodist minister. Growing up in the dusty desert town of Moonstone, Colorado she feels out of place, and limited by her conventional surroundings. The novel traces Thea's growth as an artist from her childhood years to her hard-won success as the reigning soprano at the Metropolitan Opera. Considered by critics to be highly autobiographical, *The Song of the Lark* is about the single-minded pursuit of beauty and the costs of that pursuit.



MYSTERY BOOK CLUB

Dead Before Dying by Deon Meyer: Monday, March 28th, 5:30pm 

Set in post-Apartheid Cape Town, *Dead Before Dying* is both a psychological thriller and a character driven page-turner. Insecure police captain Mat Joubert is struggling to heal from his wife's death a few years earlier. A new series of crimes challenges Joubert to pull himself together. Seemingly unrelated men are being murdered with a century-old German handgun - with the original and powerful bullets. Meanwhile, a series of bank robberies are being pulled off by a weirdly polite perpetrator. The intense prose will keep you reading until the unexpected ending.



SHAKESPEARE IN COMMUNITY ONLINE

THE WINTER'S TALE: Saturday, March 26th, 12:30pm 

Leontes, King of Sicilia, rips his family apart with his jealousy. *The Winter's Tale*, which draws on Greek mythology, has jealous passion, man-eating bears, young lovers, death, betrayal and joy. Like many of Shakespeare's other late plays, *The Winter's Tale* is a genre-defying blend of comedy, tragedy and romance. Join us on Zoom for a discussion led by writer Becky Cole.



MAH JONGG: Mondays, March 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th, 10:00am 


Come join a friendly group of Mah Jongg enthusiasts. No need to be an expert, just join the fun and learn as you go.

ART/RICH POETRY ROUNDTABLE, A LITERARY CLUB: Tuesdays, March 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th, 4:00 to 5:30pm 

The Art/Rich Poetry Roundtable meets every Tuesday to discuss poetry in depth. We read poets of all styles and points of view from classical times to the present, and welcome readers of poetry who enjoy meeting with fellow lovers of poetry for lively discussion. No onerous rules: bring a poem and your enthusiasm.

INTERMEDIATE FRENCH CONVERSATION: Thursdays, March 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st, 4:00pm 

Would you like to improve your French conversation skills? In this program we will have a weekly discussion on a wide range of topics. We watch movies, listen to podcasts, read books and even have presentations. Alix Shearer (native French speaker and Shelter Islander) will facilitate. There is no fee for this program but registration is required.

KNITTING CLUB: Thursdays, March 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st, 4:30pm 

Our weekly Knitting Club is meeting at the big table upstairs in the library. Whether you are a long-time member or newly interested in knitting, we look forward to seeing you there!

ENGLISH AS A NEXT LANGUAGE (ENL): Saturdays, March 5th, 12th, 19th, and 26th, 11:00am 

We are happy to announce the return of our English as a Next Language program. This class is for anyone who speaks English as a second language. Join us to practice English through informal conversation. The teacher is Shelter Islander Karen Springer. This is a free class and childcare will be provided.

INGLÉS COMO PRÓXIMO IDIOMA (ENL): Los sábados, 5, 12, 19, y 26 de marzo, a las 11:00 de la mañana

¡Estamos felices porque nuestro programa de inglés como próximo idioma está regresando! Para cualquiera que quiera aprender o mejorar su inglés. Únete a nosotros para practicar inglés con conversaciones informales. La profesora es Karen Springer de Shelter Island. Este curso es gratis y el cuidado infantil está incluido.

You may register for all programs at www.silibrary.org. Masks are required for all in-person programs.

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Please register for all programs on our website www.silibrary.org. Take & Make quantities are limited. Spaces are limited for all in-person programs. Masks are required for children 2 and over.

EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS

STORY TIME AT THE LIBRARY: Ages: 2-5 

Saturday, March 5th, 19th and 26th, 10:30am

Come join Sara at the library for story time! Spaces are limited so be sure to register early.

SENSORY HOUR: Ages: 0-5 

Every Wednesday, 10:30am except Wednesday, March 2nd

Come to the library and enjoy some of our developmental toys and have fun with friends! To keep things safe & sanitary, we have separate bins for each child so be sure to register ahead of time to reserve your spot.

GIANT SHAMROCK DECORATING: Ages: 2-5 

Saturday, March 5th, 1:00pm

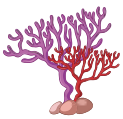
Show us how creative you are by decorating your very own giant shamrock!



UNDER THE SEA CORAL REEF CRAFT: Ages: 2-5 

Pick up your kit between Tuesday, March 8th and Saturday, March 12th

Design your own adorable (and easy) coral reef! Complete with super cute little fish to lurk amongst these rainforests of the sea.



ROCKING PAPER PLATE SHEEP: Ages: 2-5 

Saturday, March 26th, 1:00pm

Come and create your very own rocking paper plate sheep! It'll be a baaa-rrel of fun!

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

CRAFTY CLAY DAY: Ages: 6+ 

Wednesday, March 2nd, 3:00pm

Bring your imagination and have fun creating whatever crazy sculpture you can think of using air-dry clay! You'll get to bring home your design.

FIZZING CAULDRON EXPERIMENT: Ages: 6+ 

Wednesday, March 9th, 3:00pm

Get ready for science! Well, at least a fizzing, fun experiment featuring mini cauldrons, food coloring, and more.

SHAMROCK CRYSTALS: Ages: 6+ 

Pick up your kit between Tuesday, March 15th and Saturday, March 19th

Using a chemical reaction, you'll get to create your own shamrock crystals. They're perfect as a gift or a decoration. The process is not immediate and usually takes a full 12-24 hours for the crystals to grow, but the result is shamrocking!

DIY BUG HOTEL: Ages: 6+ 

Saturday, March 19th, 1:00pm

Spring is just around the corner and bugs are starting to wake up. Why not create your very own bug hotel (designed for outdoor living only) using twigs and sticks and small pieces that naturally exist in nature? The bugs and the ecosystem will thank you!

PIPE CLEANER BONSAI TREES: Ages: 6+ 

Pick up your kit between Tuesday, March 22nd and Saturday, March 26th

Get ready to design your very own bonsai tree! This craft is a lot of fun and definitely brings pleasant spring vibes. Maybe your bonsai will have cherry blossom flowers!



TWEEN/TEEN PROGRAMS

FRIDAY MOVIE NIGHT! Ages: 12+ 

Friday, March 4th, 4:00pm

Join us for another movie night! We'll have a surprise teen movie picked out and ready to go. All you have to do is show up and enjoy!

MAGIC THE GATHERING THURSDAYS: Ages: 12+ 

Every Thursday, 3:00pm

"But Sara, what's Magic: the Gathering?" It's a fun card game where you use creatures and spells to defeat your opponent. Experienced players and brand new players are welcome to join us! We'll play the game and also go over how to build a deck. (MTG is geared for ages 13+)

MARIO KART TOURNAMENT: Ages: 12+ 

Friday, March 11th, 4:00pm

Get ready for another Mario Kart gaming session with plenty of snacks and prizes! Masks are required and spots are limited so register now.

TWEEN GRAPHIC NOVEL CLUB: Ages: 12+ 

Tuesday, March 15th, 3:00pm

Get ready to join our second graphic novel club meeting! We'll be going over the book we selected from February and will pick our book for April.

JUST DANCE TOURNAMENT: Ages: 12+ 

Wednesday, March 16th and Wednesday, March 30th, 3:00pm

Get up and boogie with your friends with our first *Just Dance* Tournament! We'll be using the Nintendo Switch and having a great time getting our dance on.

CRAZY ART CREATION ZONE: Ages: 12+ 

Friday, March 18th, 3:00pm

Bring your creativity to the table and see what kind of crazy art project you can design! The sky's the limit and we'll have a variety of different supplies available for you to use. There's no competition, just crafting.

SMASH BROS. BATTLE: Ages: 12+ 

Friday, March 25th, 4:00pm

Come battle against your friends in our monthly Smash Bros. Battle! Masks are required and spots are limited so be sure to register.

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